

# Art Kistler and The EP Boulevard Band Member Bios \*

## **Art, Elvis Tribute Artist - from St. Paul, raised in Rochester, Minnesota**



*"To me, one of the most important things about being a tribute artist is to remember who you are – and who you aren't. There was only ONE 'King of Rock 'n' Roll.'" Art*

Art has been into music since he was a toddler pounding on the old, family upright piano! After phases of being a drummer, pianist, keyboardist and bass guitar player, Art pursued formal vocal training. Since 1996 - starting with playing and singing on his church's worship team - Art has been an accomplished, professional entertainer and recording artist. As an Elvis tribute artist, Art has performed all over the USA, including numerous times in Las Vegas, Branson, Memphis, Seattle, Philadelphia, Florida, and internationally as a regularly booked cruise ship entertainer.

Art partners with his amazing, supportive wife, Jean (from Pillager, MN), who handles countless aspects of the business, and both find joy in God, family, friends, and music.

## **Greg, Lead Guitarist - from Los Angeles, California**



Greg has been playing "anything with strings" since the age of 12. Although he's a self described "Fender man," Greg also likes the feel of a Les Paul but can occasionally even be caught plucking away on his ukulele! Greg's primary influences include Eric Clapton, B.B. King and Robben Ford. He's played in at least eight bands since high school; his experiences include church worship bands and seven enjoyable years with a popular local group, *The Crosstown Band*.

B.B. King once offered Greg a ride in his limo on Hollywood Boulevard!

## **Tal, Rhythm Guitar, Vocals, Hand Percussion - from Fort Collins, Colorado**



"T-1000" has a deep passion for making music and has been playing and performing for over 28 years. His varied experiences range from church worship team bands to a unique and popular '90's cover band.

Tal is a family man and outdoorsman, who likes to hang with his wife and family, go fishing, exercise, sing and play. Tal loves the music of the King of Rock-n-Roll and is excited to be a member of the *EP Boulevard Band*!

## **Keith ("Wally"), Electric Bass - from Bloomington, Minnesota**



Wally began playing music in 6th grade as a trumpet player, until he discovered the Fender Strat and played in rock bands through high school and college. In the 90's, Wally started playing bass guitar for a gospel band, then with an Elvis tribute band, then as a drummer with a Gospel band while also playing in three other bands and a Paul McCartney tribute band! Finally, Wally settled in with the EP Boulevard Band. In addition to the bass guitar, he plays guitar, ukulele, drums, and a bit of trumpet.

Wally enjoys his family, the outdoors, and playing in the worship team band at his church.



### **Paul, Drummer and Hand Percussion - from Golden Valley, Minnesota**

“Paulie B.” has toured from LA to the UK and has played for over 30 years to crowds as large as 5,000. He wrote a song in 2003 that won a Grammy Foundation award and has tracked eight albums for numerous bands including everything from church worship bands - to metal - to punk - to Elvis!

Paul is a husband, father of three and business owner, and he enjoys an extremely active Twin Cities suburban lifestyle.



### **Gwen, Keyboards and Vocals - from Portland, Oregon**

Gwen received her classical training as a singer and pianist from the University of Northwestern in Roseville, MN. She has over 20 years of experience performing everything from sacred to opera to jazz, including tours with elite choirs across the United States and Europe. In addition to performing with the *EP Boulevard Band*, she is a free-lance performer and instructor in piano and voice.

Gwen loves hanging out with her husband, 3 kids, and their dog, and enjoys cooking. Her husband bears more than a coincidental resemblance to our drummer!



### **Janessa, Vocals, Synthesizer, and Hand Percussion - from St. Paul, Minnesota**

Janessa has had a passion for music and has been a singer all her life. Her training started in her junior and senior high school and was followed by training at the University of Northwestern in Roseville, MN, where she pursued intensive training in her major, vocal studies, and was a member of the highest choir. Janessa, who also plays piano and guitar., explains that she has performed “in church worship bands, at weddings and in choirs... anywhere I can!” She grew up with her primary vocal influences being the likes of Celine Dion and Whitney Houston.

Janessa loves spending time with her husband, Kyle, and their 3 crazy kiddos, Emmett, Owen, and Aree. She also enjoys crafting, family adventures, and a good glass of wine in her “free” time!